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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Quang N. Nguyen

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 July 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 2-7,12-15,17-22 and 27-31 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) 2-7,12-15,17-22 and 27-31 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 - a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ . |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Detail Action

1. The Amendment B filed on 07/28/2003 has been entered and made of record. Claims 1, 8-11, 16 and 23-26 have been cancelled. New Claim 31 has been added. Claims 2-7, 12-15, 17-22 and 27-31 remain for examination. Claims 2, 4, 17 and 19 have been amended.

Election/Restrictions

2. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

I. Claims 2-7 and 17-22 are drawn to a method and system in a networking environment for scheduling delivery of the plurality of objects in ascending order of object size to the clients from the server, classified in class 709, subclass 203.

II. Claims 12-15 and 27-31 are drawn to a method and system in a networking environment for automatically looking up IP addresses of linked URLs in a Web page and automatically establishing connections to the linked URLs prior to any request for those linked URLs, classified in class 709, subclass 227.

3. The inventions are distinct, each from each other because of the following reasons:

Inventions Group I and Group II are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention **Group I** has separate utility such as scheduling delivery of the plurality of objects in ascending order of object size to the clients from the server (classified in class 709, subclass 203: distributed data processing in client/server environment). Invention **Group II** has separate utility such as automatically looking up IP addresses of linked URLs in a Web page and automatically establishing connections to the linked URLs prior to any request for those linked URLs (classified in class 709, subclass 227: computer-to-computer session/connection establishing). See MPEP § 806.05(d).

4. The inventions are distinct, each from each other because of the following reasons:

- a. These inventions have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification and their recognized divergent subject matter.
- b. The search required for one Group is not required for the other Group.

For the reasons above, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

5. A telephone call was made to the applicant's representative (David A. Blumenthal) on 08/06/2003 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.
6. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement is traversed (37 CFR 1.143).
7. Applicant is requested to formally cancel the non-elected claims.
8. Applicant is also advised that the response must be submitted to the Office within 30 calendar days.

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9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Quang N. Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 305-8190.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's primary, Le H. Luu, can be reached at (703) 305-9650. The fax phone numbers for the organization is (703) 746-7239.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3800/4700.

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